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Title: REDUNDANT OPTICAL DEVICE ARRAY
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT FOR
PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.705(b)

Commissioner for Patents
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Applicants have calculated PTA for the captioned patent application and have determined that the patent is entitled to 1814 days of Patent Term Adjustment, as shown on the attached sheet, which shows the relevant delays under 37 CFR §§1.702, 1.703 and 1.704:

(a) Total PTO delay:	2,251 days
(b) Total Applicant delay:	437 days

Final PTA Determination under 37 CFR §1.703(f): 1,814 days

In accordance with 1.705(b)(2)(ii), the relevant dates as specified in §§1.703(a) through (e) for which an adjustment is sought and the adjustment as specified in § 1.703(f) to which the patent is entitled are clearly represented in the attached PTA Calculation.

The relevant dates where the applicant is not in agreement with the PTO's determination are discussed in more detail below.

At the time of allowance, the Patent Office determined that the patent was entitled to 761 days of PTA. Applicants believe that this PTA determination was made in accordance with the

“Explanation of 37 CFR 1.703(f) and of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Interpretation of 35 U.S.C. §154(b)(2)(A)” published at 69 Fed. Reg. 34238 (Jun. 21, 2004). Under that interpretation of the PTA statute, any PTO delay under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(A) is deemed to overlap with any 3-year maximum pendency delay under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B), and so, as a practical effect, PTA may be awarded under §154(b)(1)(A) or §154(b)(1)(B), but not both.

On January 7, 2010, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirmed the September 30, 2008 decision of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia finding that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office’s interpretation of the PTA statute is incorrect. *Wyeth v. Kappos*, No. 2009-1120 (Jan. 7, 2010). The Federal Circuit determined that “[b]efore the three-year mark, no ‘overlap’ can transpire between the A delay and the B delay,” and that “[i]f an A delay occurs on one day and a B delay occurs on a different day, those two days do not ‘overlap’ under section 154 (b)(2).” A Request for Continued Examination was filed in the application prior to allowance, and Patent Term Adjustment accordingly stopped accruing under 37 C.F.R. §1.703(b) on February 21, 2008. This PTA component was accordingly “ripe” at the time of allowance and accordingly could have been incorporated into the PTO’s determination of PTA.

37 C.F.R. §1.705(d) states that “Any request for reconsideration under this section that raises issues that were raised, or could have been raised, in an application for patent term adjustment under paragraph (b) of this section shall be dismissed as untimely as to those issues.” As the above-identified issue could arguably be raised under paragraph (b), the applicant is filing this request for reconsideration under an abundance of caution, in the knowledge that the PTO does not include patent term adjustment resulting from 37 C.F.R. §1.703(b) in its PTA calculations at allowance, even if PTA has stopped accruing due to the filing of an RCE.

In accordance with §1.705(b)(2)(iv)(A), the circumstances during the prosecution of the application resulting in the patent that constitute a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of such application as set forth in § 1.704 are clearly represented in the attached PTA Calculation.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the patent be accorded 1,814 days PTA.

Fees in the amount of \$200.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e) to cover the fee for this request are being paid by credit card via EFS-Web.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

However, because this PTA error is due to a Patent Office error in interpreting and applying the PTA statute, a refund of the fee is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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